



Memorial Day 2019

Memorial Day is a time of reflection, to remember the sacrifices of those who have come before us and those who have served with us. As members of this great Army, we share a common history with those brave men and women who have fallen for the cause of freedom. Thank you for honoring their memory with your selfless service.

The passage of Memorial Day also marks the beginning of the summer season. Historically, June, July and August are the deadliest months for Army mishaps. We can reverse this precedent this year by staying engaged and keeping risk management at the forefront of all we do. Whether planning a road trip or staying local to take advantage of well-deserved downtime, look for the things that can take you out of the fight. Making simple corrections — always wearing seat belts and observing posted speed limits, never mixing alcohol and boating or swimming — is the first step in effectively managing your personal risk.

Please take advantage of the tools and resources available on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil> to help plan your summer activities and manage risk along the way. Thank you again for your service, and I wish you all a peaceful and safe Memorial Day weekend.

Readiness Through Safety!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ernest D. Bowen, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ernest D. Bowen, Jr.
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